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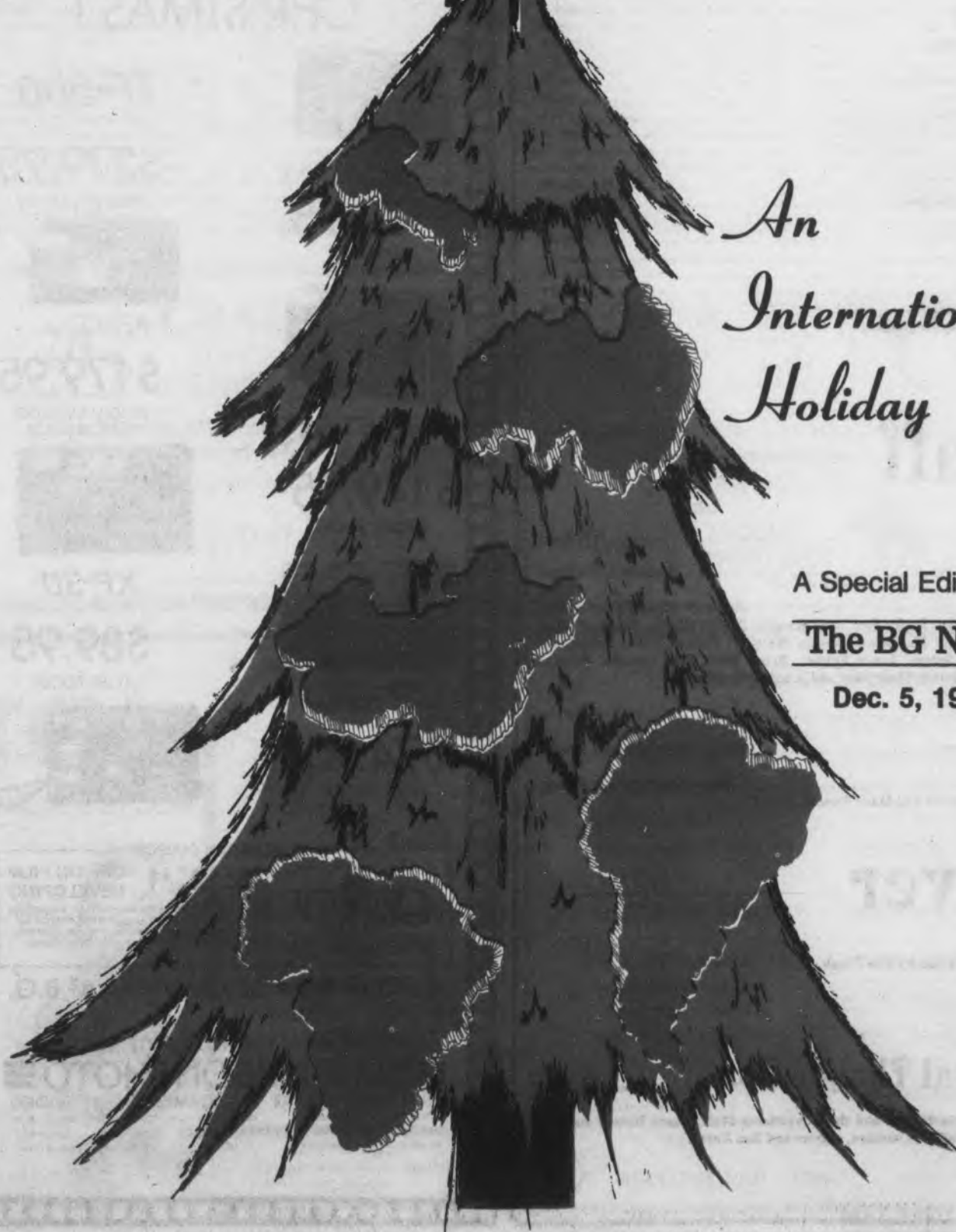
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# Downtown stores get ready

By Rebecca Thomas

Downtown Bowling Green has been decorated for the Christmas season for several weeks, and stores are prepared for the rush that usually accompanies the holidays.

Uhlman's, 139 S. Main, kicked off its Christmas season with a visit from Mrs. Santa and Miss Piggy on Sat., Nov. 19.

"Saturday is Uhlman's kickoff," Mary Beth Hammond, store manager, said. "We are beginning our events on that day."

Uhlman's is offering free gift wrap, as well as increasing their hours (beginning Nov. 28) to give customers more convenient shopping hours, she said.

"Right now, we are at the peak of the

season as far as merchandise goes," she said. "We have received oodles of new merchandise and holiday fashions."

Holiday fashions, those that may be popular this year, contain "a lot of glitter and glitz, also, velour is big this year. A lot of the things are festive and go along with the holiday spirit—everything is going fast," Hammond said.

Hours for Uhlman's during the Christmas season are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m.-5.

Hart's Drugstore, 1094 N. Main, has a complete assortment of toys for people of all ages, including electric trains, radio controlled cars and "Love Me Tender" dolls, according to Mike Reilly, general merchandise manager for Hart's.

"We also have a small teddy bear in the shape of a satin heart — it transforms from the heart into the bear," he said.

Reilly predicted electronics, sweaters and fashion watches, such as Coke and Pepsi labels, to be among the most popular items this year.

"I also expect to see a lot of California Raisin merchandise still selling a lot," Reilly said. Extended Christmas hours for Hart's Drugstore are Monday through Thursday, and Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Stores in Woodland Mall are also anticipating a prosperous holiday season, Dan Hodulik, J.C. Penney store manager, said.

"We are looking forward to a real good Christmas, especially with the opening of

Hills attracting more customers to the mall and the stores," he said.

One big feature in Penney's Christmas planning is the exclusive rights to clothes and toys from the recently released film, "Land Before Time," by Steven Spielberg, Hodulik said.

"This children's line is extremely popular," he said. "We are expecting a better Christmas than last — we're happy and optimistic."

Tentative Christmas hours for J.C. Penney are Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Elder-Beerman, also in Woodland Mall, offers several Christmas items and merchandise reflecting the holiday season.

□ See Christmas, page 24.

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# Santa's coming...

By Debbie Hippie

Because the merchants of Bowling Green have been good this year, Santa Claus is rewarding them with a visit they plan to share with the children.

Many local businesses will sponsor a Santa Claus beginning Thanksgiving Day.

One department store that plans on having the happy-face character is Harts, assistant manager Bill Sarago said.

"We don't normally take pictures for the kids, but there will be a Santa the day after Thanksgiving," Sarago said.

K Mart will also be having the treat for the children.

"Our Santa is usually an employee or a relative of an employee who fits the part," one employee said.

K Mart will be taking pictures Sunday evenings from six to nine beginning Nov. 27 to Dec. 18, the employee said.

Woodland Mall will be filled with children waiting to see Santa on Nov. 25, an administrative assistant said.

"Santa will be arriving on Nov. 25 until Christmas at 10 a.m.," according to Beth Isaacs said.

In addition to the local merchants retrieval of the fabled character this year, the "Promote Bowling Green Committee

□ See Santa, page 7.



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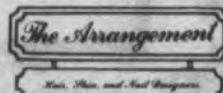
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# BG stores selling unique presents

By Elizabeth Masturzo

Christmas is right around the corner and shopping time is dwindling away. Along with the pressure of finals week comes the pressure of finding unique gift ideas.

Do away with those boring gifts like socks, undergarments, and the infamous ties. Bowling Green area stores have creative, comical, sentimental, and economical gifts available.

The Source, located at 518 E. Wooster St., is the stocking stuffer headquarters in town said Craig Cheetwood, the store's owner. The store is equipped with inexpensive gifts such as initial notepads, wind up Christmas characters, cookie cutters, and seasonal ornaments. Cheetwood expects the boxer shorts and plush stuffed animals to be among the big items to sell.

New Christmas items include six inch to 24 inch artificial Christmas trees and inflatable ornaments. As usual, The Source has a variety of Christmas cards available ranging from sentimental and comical to 'Adults Only'.

Uhman's Department Store on 139 S. Main St. has that perfect gift for those deep sleepers. Talking alarm clocks crow the time out hourly, are triangular in shape, and are priced at \$30. Also available are initialized brooches, engraved pennants, lockets, bracelets and pens. But you better hurry, because these items need to be ordered two weeks in advance. The prices range from \$6 to \$15.

Want to give religious or inspirational gifts? The Village Preacher Christian Bookstore on 131 S. Main St. has books, wallhangings and knick knacks to meet the need.

For the sports fan, a falcon mirror or clock and a variety of professional sports caps can be purchased at the Falcon House on 123 S. Main St., in addition to the traditional BG sweatshirts and sweatpants.

A safe present that is sure to please all is an edible one. Between Ben Franklin and The Yum Yum Tree an array of gooey chocolates, exotic flavored popcorn and endless varieties of candles can be picked out to tote in Christmas tins and bags.

If you really can't find the perfect gift for that hard to buy person, many stores and restaurants such as Kaufman's Down-

□ See Gifts, page 21.



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# Acids out for holiday fashion

By Kathy Fox

The popular acid washed jeans of last Christmas season are being replaced.

This year's denim jeans are moving to the dark wash, with dark twisted denim jeans and dooby jeans moving into the limelight this year.

According to Mindy Chamberlin, assistant manager of Elder Beerman in the Woodland Mall, the production of the dooby jean involves "rolling the fabric on a press with pins on it. It raises the fabric and looks like holes in the jeans." Sweaters to wear with jeans are always a big seller, Chamberlin said. "In the ready-to-wear area, we sell many sweaters. Handknit, shaker styles and cardigans are usually the most popular," Chamberlin said.

Gift items like accessories and wallets are always popular for people who can't find just that right gift, she said. "We sell just about anything. You name it."

According to Kathy Koehler, assistant manager of Kinney Shoes at the mall, men's slip-on wing tip shoe and tassel dress shoe may be on top of men's Christmas lists.

This holiday season the shoe store is

leaning for the casual to formal look in foot wear.

Women's satin and mid-heel suede pumps with various attachments are popular, she said.

"For women anything goes. Pumps with bows, rhinestones and attachments have been selling really well."

Boots will be seen in the three-quarter duck style, canvas leather, lace-up ankle length and sweater style, she said.

"Sweaters are common in browns, pumps in black, and the men's wing-tips in burgundy and brown," she said.

In the kids' department, sebagos will be a hot seller, Koehler said. "Sebagos are the typical boat shoes that you see everyone in."

Children will most likely be sporting saddle shoes, flat boots, and dress shoes.

Leather hand bags with brass zippers and brass handle parts that accent and match the shoes will be on shelves also.

Shoes for the athlete, including names like Nike, Reebok and L.A. Gear, are being sold in colors of red, white with blue or pink trim, and basic black.

"Basketball players usually buy high tops for more ankle support," Mary Sue

See Fads, page 7.



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## Fads

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Zimmerman, assistant manager of the mall's Footlocker said. "When they come down (from a jump), they won't twist their ankles."

People are basically not tying their shoelaces unless they are going to perform, but the colorful, wild designer shoelaces of past days have faded, Zimmerman said.

Exercise clothing like short and long exercise tights with stirrups are popular in blue, black and green. College fleece sweatshirts will also be big sellers this winter, she said.

When dining out and attending holiday parties, exercise pants and sweatshirts will simply not be appropriate.

"Satiny formals (for women) in royal colors like jade and red are popular this holiday season," said Sue Gable, manager trainee at JC Penney in the mall, "but pastels are still in."

Many dresses are being sold in knee or tea length, with the look of layers and ruffles accenting the skirt of the dress while big bows highlight the waistline in the back of the dress.

The old fashioned velvet dress, commonly sold in burgundy, is usually below the knee, but not quite tea length, Gable said.

"Strapless dresses with or without the jacket, depending on how daring you want to be, are a hot look this season also," she said.

## Santa

From page 4.

of Commerce" is also contributing to the festive season.

According to Chamber of Commerce executive manager Joan Gordon, their Santa will be appearing in a "house" in front of the Huntington Bank, designed specifically for the occasion.

"We've always had a Santa, whether he's been in a trailer, outside or in a house," she said.

Santa Claus will be appearing free of charge on the weekends, Gordon said.

Ames and Hills department stores will also have a Santa for the kids.

# Family key in Chinese noel

By Kristi Watt

American Christmas traditions aren't the only ones that exist in this country. United States colleges and universities host Chinese Foreign Exchange Students.

Chinese students at the University will practice traditional beliefs during the holidays.

According to Xiang Jiang, a University graduate student working on her masters in Political Science, "a few families cele-

brate Christmas in the all out way Americans do, but most don't."

She said that very few families have Christmas trees and few decorate houses with colored lights.

"The main thing Chinese families do at Christmas is watch the Grand Party on the CCTV English Program put on by students and teachers in China," Jiang said. "The program is meant to entertain and bring the family together."

In China, "the Spring Festival, which is celebrated in January or February, is the

biggest celebrated holiday in our country," Jiang said.

The Spring Festival can last up to a month, and many families celebrate the full month. She said that many of the men and women take a break from work and children are allowed free time away from school in honor of the Festival.

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# Holiday represents freedom

## Jewish festival lasts eight days, commemorates religious liberty

By Ivan Groger

Often mistaken for the Jewish version of Christmas, Hanukkah will be celebrated from sundown Dec. 3 to sundown Dec. 10. Bruce Kottler, coordinator of the Jewish Student Group said, "Hanukkah is often mistakenly referred to as a Jewish Christmas, and actually it has no relationship to Christmas at all."

According to Kottler, the holiday commemorates a time when a war was fought over religious freedom in what today is called Israel.

The festival lasts for eight days to represent a miracle that happened during the time of war.

"It focuses on a miracle that happened

involving one day's worth of sacred oil lasting eight days, enabling the menorah to remain lit in the temple after the temple was desecrated," Kottler said.

The menorah has nine candles, one for each day and a ninth that is called the Shammash, which is used to light all the other candles.

The holiday is celebrated with traditional song, food, candle lighting ceremony, and gift giving.

A game that is played during this time is called Dreidel. According to Kottler, Dreidel is a game of chance.

One food that is consumed during Hanukkah is known as Latkes. The Latkes are a type of potato pancake.



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The lighting of the Menorah is a tradition firmly embedded in the Jewish religion.

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The Consumer Affairs Committee of Americans for Democratic Action said in its annual toy quality and safety report that baby walkers, which can tip over or topple down stairs, are "highly danger-

ous" and led to 20,790 child injury reports to the Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1987.

Crib gyms have caused 674 reported injuries since 1984 and 12 deaths, the committee said. While most manufacturers now include voluntary warning labels that recommend removal of the gym toys when a baby can pull itself up to its hands and knees, many carry no such warning, it said.

"Warnings aren't enough," the committee said. "Crib gyms need to be designed in the first place without hazards. Babies begin to enjoy crib gyms just at the age that parents are advised to remove them. So human nature enters the picture and parents leave the crib gyms a little longer."

Overall, the committee said, toys resulted in 131,000 injuries in 1987, 105,000 of them to children under age 15.

The committee said categories of potentially dangerous toys include:

—Some seasonal toys such as inflatable sleds that throw up snow which could blind the driver.

—Flammable items, including stuffed animals that burn.

—Toys that teach children to imitate adults in a dangerous fashion, such as an electric oven that could burn a child and a play iron with a realistic-looking plug that could send children to the nearest electrical socket.

—Toys that can be dangerous when broken. For example, a medical kit of poor construction that contains instruments which could break while a child puts them up to his face, throat, ears or eyes.

—Items that are dangerous for babies, including rattles that don't meet specified width requirements which a baby could poke down its throat and choke on.

—Toys with inadequate or misleading age labels. In some cases, manufacturers may label a product containing small parts as "for ages over 3," but the product nevertheless would be appealing to younger children.



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# Wiccans celebrate transitions

By Dennis Robaugh

Picture an altar within a circle surrounded by four flickering candles, one in each quarter of the circle. The circle is garnished with sprigs of holly, mistletoe and ivy, seemingly in the traditional Christmas spirit. The altar is decorated in purple cloth with purple candles. A bell, a goblet of wine, a saucer of saltwater and a horned helmet sit atop the altar. South of the altar is a cauldron filled with kindling wood.

Things are starting to look strange and as you may have already guessed, this is not the scene for a traditional Christmas celebration. Actually, it is the altar for the celebration of the Winter Solstice Sabbath by the members of the Wiccan faith. Followers of Wicca are commonly known as witches.

The word witch conjures up images of black-clad, haggard women in pointed hats soaring through the October air on their brooms, hideously cackling and casting spells. With an image like this, surely

witches don't celebrate Christmas.

According to Phil Florian, sophomore education major and folklore enthusiast, they don't. But they do celebrate the Winter Solstice, also known as the Yule.

"The Yule is an end of the year jubilation to honor the Lord and his Lady, the dual gods of Nature, and prepare for the coming year. To the Wiccans, winter is representative of darkness but not evil. The coming of the new year marks the advent of light and the Wiccans celebrate this transition," Florian said.

He said that Wiccans are practitioners of the Old Religion of Nature, which was very influential in the period before Christianity came on the scene. Wiccans continued to exert influence until the Middle Ages and often the Priests would serve as an advisory body to the kings.

Gradually the religion fell into disrepute because of propaganda and persecution at the hands of the Christians. The Wiccans and other witches went underground, but today they are experiencing a renaissance because society's prejudices are gradually receding, Florian said.

Much as Christians worship on Christmas day and Jews worship during Hanukkah, the Wiccans worship during the Yule.

Florian has studied witchcraft and the Wiccans for two years and says that the accusations of Satan worship among the Wiccans is absolutely unfounded.

"The Wiccan celebrations are really celebrations of Nature. They have nothing to do with Satanism," he said.

The Wiccan assembly, known as a Coven, gathers at the Temple and in an opening ceremony the Temple is consecrated. Incense is burned to cleanse the Temple. A saucer of saltwater on the altar represents life. The Priest and/or Priestess drinks a libation to the gods from the wine goblet. The witches, cloaked in robes of red, blue, purple, green, yellow and white, drink the wine.

As part of the service, the Priest recites a prayer that may sound similar to this:

*I fell into deep darkness and death I knew  
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*On the tail of a comet  
I rent the velvet darkness of everlasting light.*

*Ablaze with glory, I was reborn,  
To start again the perennial cycle of guardianship.*

*That evermore drives me through  
death and birth alike*

*With the companionship of our Lady  
I face into the wind,*

*Knowing that we fly upon wings of time,  
Through timeless worlds, together.*

Following this prayer, each Covenor partakes of Ale and Cakes. The Temple is cleared and the Covenors begin their Winter Solstice festival.

During the festival the witches play games, sing and are entertained by skits and songs. The Covenors often give gifts to each other at the festival. A feast is also served. The Yule is a time to eat, drink and be merry, just like a traditional Christmas gathering, Florian said.

□ See Witches, page 13.

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## Italy emphasizes religion, tradition

By Angie Blandina

Christmas in Italy...a smile broke out on her face as she remembered.

Although they took place many years ago, the memories of the holiday season in her homeland are still fresh in her mind.

Anna Lipare, a native of Italy who has lived in the United States for over 40 years, shared her recollections. "It was a very religious time, not at all commercial like America," she said.

There was no Christmas tree and the only significant decoration was an often times large scale manger. Because the dominant religion of Italy is Catholicism, church services are an important part of the holiday season.

"On Christmas Eve we all went to Mass, that was a sacred time," she said. "Then we came home and ate *sfinja*!"

A *sfinja* is an Italian rendition of a doughnut — batter dropped in oil, deep-fried, and covered in powdered sugar.

On Christmas Day, the entire family — aunts, uncles and cousins included — gathered to celebrate the birthday of Christ. If the grandparents were still alive, their home was the gathering place. There

was no such thing as a gift-exchange, however.

"In Italy back then they didn't have Santa Claus as Americans know him," she said. "In fact, it wasn't a 'him' at all."

Lipare said the legend was that a little old lady went around to homes in search of the Christ child. She would leave fruit and nuts by the fireplaces of girls and boys were good (representative of the Christ child) and lumps of coal for those were bad.

She described a tempting variety of holiday foods.

"We made lots of cookies, and canolis (a pastry filled with a custard mixed with chocolate and nuts) of course, and a turnover made of ricotta cheese and chocolate was my favorite," she said.

Besides dessert, she said her family stuffed their own sausage and there was always a variety of fish — "probably squid, or shrimp, or dried cod cooked in a tomato sauce."

As Lipare reminisced she said one "couldn't really compare the two cultures and their holiday customs."

"It's a shame that everything in America is so commercialized," she said. "It seems to take away from what Christmas really means."

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## French holiday contains variations

by Angela Murphy

While walking through the streets of France during the Christmas season, an American might feel that he is not on the other side of the world after all.

The American will see Christmas trees, lights, and Santas walking the streets which are typical American ways of celebrating the holiday. Christmas customs in France are very similar to those of Americans, with a few exceptions.

Cathy Kaiser, a resident of French House, visited France last fall semester through the University student exchange program. Although she didn't spend Christmas in France, she was there a few weeks before the holiday to see the decorations.

She said whole streets are decorated with strings of lights, forming unique designs down each street. She also noticed very large pine trees are decorated with lights.

See France, page 13.



## France

From page 12.

Two special cakes - La Buche and Buche de Noel - are made for the French celebration of Christmas.

The French have Pere Noel or "Father Christmas" just like the American Santa Claus. He squeezes down chimneys and places toys and presents in the shoes that children have neatly arranged around the tree the night before. If a child's shoes are missing, then he or she doesn't receive any toys.

Children's good behavior is noticeable

In the weeks before Christmas due to their parents' threats of calling Father Christmas and cancelling their presents. Children in France write letters to Pere Noel, requesting their favorite toys as American kids write to Santa.

Jean-Francois Billy, a French foreign exchange student at the University, described his family's Christmas traditions that are also characteristic of other French families.

His family attends Midnight Mass and

afterward, they celebrate with the Revenlon, or Christmas meal. The meal is much like the American Thanksgiving meal - 1 turkey is served and there are family "meetings" or reunions.

Families decorate Christmas trees and exchange gifts in the same way Americans do.

The most popular song that is played every Christmas is "Petit Pere Noel" which describes a child's fear of not getting any toys for Christmas.

## Witches

From page 11.

While we sing Christmas carols, stuff stockings, buy and wrap presents, decorate the tree, wait for Santa and thank God that we are finally away from school, the witches observe the Yule in their households, according to Florian.

In the Wiccan home everyone is entertained by ancient Wiccan legends, an evergreen tree is decorated and family members do special things for each other. They also make gifts for the special people in their lives. In most Wiccan homes Santa Claus also makes a visit to leave a few presents for the small children.





# Exotic recipes from the world-

## BRANDY SNAPS (England)

Originally made as a gaufrette (small wafer) on a hot griddle, this recipe evolved to the baked cookies below.

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| 1 1/2 cups flour, sifted     |                                  |
| Pinch of salt                |                                  |
| 2 teaspoons powdered ginger  | 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed |
| 1 teaspoon nutmeg            | 1/2 cup dark molasses            |
| 3/4 cup sweet butter, melted | 2 tablespoons brandy             |

Resift flour with salt, ginger and nutmeg. Combine melted butter, sugar, molasses and brandy. Stir into dry ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto lightly buttered cookie sheet, leaving 2 1/2 inches between cookies. Bake in preheated 300 degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Let cool only until cookies can be handled. While warm, roll each around the handle of a wooden mixing spoon to form "cigarettes." Reheat cookies in slow oven if they hardened before they are rolled. Cool completely and store in airtight container. Cookies can also be shaped into cones, which may be filled with a mixture of whipped cream and chopped candied ginger just before serving. Makes about 4 dozen.

## NEAPOLITAN MUSTACHES (Italy)

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| 1/2 Pound blanched almonds, finely chopped | 1 teaspoon cinnamon             |
| 1/2 pound walnuts, finely chopped          | pinch of freshly ground pepper  |
| 2 or 3 drops orange-flower water           | 2 egg whites, lightly beaten    |
| 1/2 cup honey                              | 1 1/2 cups flour, approximately |

Combine nuts, orange water, honey, cinnamon, pepper and lightly beaten egg whites and mix to a paste. Add flour gradually, working in enough to make a thick paste but one that is not too stiff. Spread to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness on a board and cut into diamond shapes about 2 inches long. Place on a buttered and floured baking sheet. Bake in preheated 250 degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes, or until firm. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

## BRANDY RING TWISTS (Sweden)

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 1/4 cups sweet butter | 3 1/4 cups flour, approximately     |
| 2/3 cup sugar           | cinnamon sugar, or granulated sugar |
| 1 egg yolk              | 3 tablespoons brandy                |

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat egg yolk with brandy and mix into creamed butter. Gradually sift in just enough flour to make a smooth but soft dough. Gather this into a ball and chill for 1 to 2 hours. Pinch off small pieces of dough, and on a lightly floured board, roll into thin pencil strips, each about 5 inches long. Twist these rolls together in pairs, rope fashion, and turn into rings. Dough should remain cold until it is rolled, so divide into portions and keep some chilled while you prepare the rest. Sprinkle with sugar of your choice and place on a lightly buttered baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for about 10 minutes, or until pale golden yellow. Cool and store in airtight container. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

# round will tempt tummies

The following is a traditional German cookie recipe from the recipes of native German, Frieda Kalberer.

## VANILLA BROETCHEN (Germany)

5 eggs (room temperature)  
3 1/2 cups sifted flour  
1/2 tsp. salt

2 cups granulated sugar  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Beat eggs until frothy. Add one tablespoon full of sugar at a time. Beat for 20 minutes, medium speed. Gradually add vanilla extract and sifted dry ingredients. Grease cookie sheet with butter. Drop rounded teaspoons of cookie dough onto sheets; one inch apart. Cookies must dry over night. Bake in moderate oven at 325 degrees Fahrenheit, 10 to 12 minutes.

## MEXICAN ROMPOPE

10 egg yolks  
1 cup white rum  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract, or 1 stick cinnamon

1 quart milk  
1 1/2 cups sugar

Bring milk to a boil, cool to lukewarm and add 1 1/2 cups sugar. Ring to boil and simmer for 20 minutes. Add vanilla extract and cool. Beat egg yolks until very thick and ribbony. Gradually beat in milk and rum. Stir, strain and chill. Makes about 15 servings.

## CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES (France)

6 ounces (squares) dark semi-sweet chocolate  
3 egg yolks  
3 tablespoons sweet butter  
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1 tablespoon rum or brandy  
1/2 cup finely grated semi-sweet chocolate

Melt chocolate in the top of a double boiler, set over boiling water. Beat in butter and sugar and keep stirring until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well between additions. Stir in rum or brandy. Turn into a bowl, cover with waxed paper and set aside overnight in a cool dry place. Do not chill. Shape into balls about 1 inch in diameter. Roll in grated chocolate. Makes about 2 dozen truffles, depending on size.

## SPRITZ COOKIES (Germany)

1 cup sweet butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract, or grated rind of 1/2 lemon

2 teaspoons cinnamon (optional)  
1 egg  
2 1/4 cups sifted flour, approximately

Let butter soften slightly at room temperature; then cream with sugar and salt until mixture is light and fluffy. Add flavoring and egg and blend thoroughly. Stir in enough flour to make a soft workable dough. Pack dough into cookie press or pastry bag, using any pattern you prefer. Lightly butter baking sheets. Press out dough into rings, strips, or any shape you choose. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for about 10 minutes, or until cookie edges are light golden brown. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

# German traditions show joy

By Karen Miller

Christmas festivities are celebrated in all Christian countries of the world in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and West Germany is no exception.

Weihnachten, as Christmas is called in West Germany, is celebrated as the galest of all holidays and is associated with love, friendship, and joyous traditions.

Two famous Christmas fairs have adopted unique significance, not only in the German community, but around the world as well.

Hamburger Dom in Hamburg is a traditional fair lasting from early November until Christmas Day. Booths are filled with toys, sugared gingerbreads, and thousands of knickknacks, attracting the eyes and wallets of holiday shoppers.

Christkindlmarkt, Kriss Kringle's Fair, remains the most traditional of German holiday fairs. It starts December 4 and continues through Christmas Day.

The mayor of Nuremberg kicks off the fair by delivering a welcome speech.

A child dressed like Nuremberg's "Golden Angel" makes a dramatic appear-

ance, welcoming and blessing the joyous occasion, as other participants sing Christmas carols.

For months, native craftsmen have been busily producing replicas of the angelic joy, the Golden Angel, to sell to thousands of visitors. As history suggests, this symbol will not only serve as guardian over fair time festivities, but will grace every home it reaches.

December 5 and 6 are commonly reserved as Sankt Nikolaus Abend, or Saint Nicholas Eve. It is the official beginning of the Yuletide Season.

Saint Nicholas, or his joyful assistant Kriss Kringle, are the pre-Christmas messengers who judge children's behavior. Promises of gifts come to those who are good, while bad children are threatened with bundles of birch rods, unless their ways are mended.

In other areas of the German countryside, tradition holds that if children place a shoe or large stocking beside their bed, Saint Nicholas will leave a small gift displaying his happiness in their fine behavior.

On December 24, Heiligabend, commonly known as Christmas Eve in the United States, begins with attending church services, followed by home festivities and family gatherings.

In most German traditions, this evening is awakened by the decoration of the Christmas tree, a symbol of hope and promise for the upcoming year. The occasion of tree trimming presents an abundance of glittering candles, gilded nuts, multi-colored paper garlands, shining red apples, and sensationally decorated gingerbread men.

Presents are carefully placed under the tree along with marzipan, Pfefferkuchen, and assorted cookies. Children are then permitted to enter the room, while sacred Christmas carols, including O Tannenbaum and Stille Nacht, are joyfully sung. The long anticipated distribution of gifts follows.

Christmas Day, known as Weihnachten in Germany, is a two-day public holiday. December 25 is declared Der Erste Feiertag, and is regarded as a family day. The day is spent laughing, enjoying the beauty of the Christmas tree, reading new books, and listening to seasonal carols.

December 26, Der Zweite Feiertag, is commonly observed for visiting friends, attending dances, and indulging in fun-filled activities. Of course, no German holiday goes by without a fascination with traditional delicacies. Roast goose, long loaves of freshly baked bread, Lebkuchen, Pfefferkuchen, marzipan, and assorted temptations adorn the hearts and stomachs of Germans.

Germans take special pride in their baked specialties and believe food to be the heart of Christmas and all holiday celebrations.



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# Students consider resolutions

By Kathy Fox

The age-old question "What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas this year?" has been replaced at the University with the question "What is your New Year's resolution?"

As yet another Christmas comes to a head, and another year begins to wind down, many students put their New Year's Resolutions into perspective.

Resolutions, those things people determine to change about themselves, often lead to thoughts of a bright and prosperous future, or those of self-analysis, which everyone dreads.

Renee Swan, sophomore criminal justice major has no difficulty criticizing her own behavior. "I resolve to cut down on

my cussing, spend more time studying, and write my grandparents more."

A common resolution among University students involves getting and staying in good physical condition.

"I want to try to get in better shape. I haven't really done anything since high school," Heather Adcock, freshman physical therapy major said.


Michelle Givens, freshman psychology major, has the same idea about physical fitness. "My New Year's resolution is to become physically fit and get good grades," she said.

□ See Resolutions, page 21.



Photo illustration by Susan Schulz

Students often find New Year's resolutions hard to live up to and often the only way to avoid breaking them is to restrain oneself forcibly.



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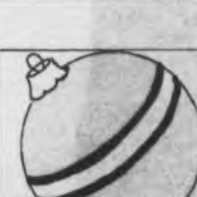



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## Lengthy fast observed in East Church

By Michelle Mathews

As many of us begin to prepare for the upcoming holidays, we tend to overlook the fact that many other cultures have different ways of celebrating Christmas. Russians in particular are very religious in their Christmas celebration.

Many Americans feast throughout the holidays but how many do you know that fast for those same six weeks?

The Eastern Church in Russia begins celebrating six weeks before Christmas day with a fast that lasts until Christmas Eve. They do not consume any meat, eggs or milk. They fast until the first star appears in the sky at which point they begin their Christmas feast.

The feast consists of a 13-dish dinner representing the Holy Supper. In some houses straw is placed under the table cloth to symbolize the manger and a candle is lit to symbolize the North star.

Christmas day begins with "the Great Matins," a long church service, after which the family spends time at home together. The period following Christmas is a time for sleigh rides and visiting relatives.

A second fast begins Jan. 5 and ends when the first star appears in the sky, when the second, more public feast, the "Epiphany" begins.

The morning of Jan. 6 is spent in church again where many participate in the drinking of holy water. Presents are also exchanged on this day.

The time between the two feasts is a time of happiness and closeness. Fortunes, ghost stories and tales of true love are told. Some cut apples in half believing that if the core forms the shape of a star it will bring good luck.

☐ See Russia, page 21.

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**Resolutions**

From page 17.

Studying more diligently is a major concern for Mike Eisman, sophomore marketing major.

"My resolution is to make it through accounting a second time around," he said.

Dave Harnishfeger, sophomore undecided major, said he usually doesn't make resolutions this early because he does not keep them.

"If I had to make one now, though, it would be to pick out a major. I want to sign up for my classes next fall for my major."

Another New Year's resolution focuses on the consumption of alcohol.

Don Granquist, sophomore computer science major wants to be good to his body, but he doesn't want to give up the finer things in life.

"I want to head out to the Rec more often. I want to do it without cutting out all the drinking," Granquist said. Making a New Year's resolution is not important, according to Brian Blissonette, sophomore history major. "My New Year's resolution is not to make one."

**Russia**

From page 20.

There are some similarities between Russia and the U.S. Many Christmas carols come from old southern Russia. The Christmas tree, originating in Germany, is used in Russia as a New Year's tree. Of course, the Russian version of Santa Claus, "Grandfather Frost," brings every good little boy and girl lots of toys and goodies.

Although traditions and beliefs differ from one country to the next, it's the celebration we all have in common.

**Gifts**

From page 5.

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## 'Boxing Day' noted Canadian holiday

### Returns made easy throughout nation

By Andrea Nash

Spending Christmas in Canada would be much like traveling to your grandmother's neighbors house. Recognizable Christmas customs govern the Canadians celebration — but with one major exception — Boxing Day.

Canadians buy and decorate trees like many people in the United States do. And as most would imagine, most children still believe in the legend of Kris Kringle, the chubby little guy with the white beard who brings good little children presents.

However there does exist a statutory holiday that most Americans aren't familiar with — Boxing Day. Similar to the day after Thanksgiving, most Canadian stores have biggest sales of the year. Canadians can either buy the items they didn't get for Christmas, or return unwanted presents.

In Quebec, French Canadians have a slightly different tradition. Strong in religious beliefs, most attend a midnight mass on Christmas Eve, to return home and open presents immediately after the ceremony.

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## Ghanan holiday traditional

By Andrea Nash

Ghana, a west African country, share Christmas traditions with both the United States and Great Britain.

Because the African nation was originally a British colony and the country is predominately Christian, the natives celebrate Christmas in ways similar to other Christian nations.

Alex Amplaw, an accounting major, is an exchange student at the University from Ghana.

He said Christmas Eve people stay up late to "welcome Christmas Day."

They call the event "Watch Night" because the natives are watching for an event to happen the night before Christmas.

On Christmas Day, people stay home and spend the day with their families. A big dinner featuring chicken, turkey, or lamb is served. Alex said normally the people of Ghana eat venison or fish, so a change in the menu makes the meal special.

The people of Ghana open their presents the day after Christmas. The day is called "Boxing Day" because the presents are in boxes.





# Needy helped with food, toys

By Beth Thomas

Although people are needy year round, the holiday season inspires others to want to help the less fortunate.

In Bowling Green, there are programs to help needy families have food on the table and their children have toys under the tree.

The Bowling Green Jaycees sponsor a annual program, "Christmas Elves," to collect and distribute baskets of food to area families.

According to Pat Myers, co-chair of the program, the Jaycees drive was helped by the collection of two large boxes of canned and boxed food at the University's

Student Appreciation Day football game Oct. 22.

"Anything that was donated was appreciated," she said. "It was a bad day and we were lucky to get that much."

Helping supplement the drive, she said, was Churchill's Super Market, 1141 S. Main, which donated six large boxes of food.

Individuals who want to contribute food or money to the program can do so at donation boxes set up in banks, supermarkets and other places in town last week or by contacting the Jaycees. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 92 in Bowling Green.

Myers said they will pack the food into baskets the week of Dec. 13. The baskets

will be delivered to about 25 families starting Dec. 17 and she said they will probably include some type of meat, vegetables, fruit and other items.

The names of the recipients were given to the Jaycees by the Voluntary Action Center, 500 Lehman Ave., Myers said.

Helping fulfill children's wish lists, however, is the city police force which has given toys to needy families for 19 years through its "Santa's Toy Box" program.

According to police crime prevention officer Grant Tansel, Santa's Toy Box helps all children within the city limits. Annually about 125 families with more than 400 children are the recipients of toys.

He said the police have drop-off points where people can donate good used toys, new toys or money.

The toys are given to anyone who calls the police and reports that they or someone they know is in need. If the police are given a child's name, age and sex, a toy will be provided.

Tansel said there is no screening process conducted to determine the extent of need.

"There is not a big screening process because who's to say just that because someone has a good job their kids aren't doing without," he said. "We work on a big scale because we don't want to leave anyone out for any reason."

□ See Jaycees, page 26.



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# Christmas

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such as scented potpourri and Christmas-print turtle necks.

"We also offer Holly Bears, for \$8.99 with any purchase," Sherry Shiner, assistant store manager, said. The Holly Bears are white Christmas-decorated stuffed bears.

Regular store hours for Elder-Beerman during Christmas are Monday through

Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday hours have been extended from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. However, the department store often has extended hours for sales and specials.

Woodland Mall began its Christmas celebration with entertainment throughout the weekend of Nov. 19 and 20, according to Linda Peters, mall manager.

Temporary Christmas season tenants in Woodland mall include Buy-Rite, a novelty item store and Hickory Farms, Peters said. Sweatshirts with the song slogan

"Don't Worry, Be Happy!" will be available at Buy-Rite, she said. There will also be a Roeder Harley-Davidson kiosk in the mall temporarily, selling monogrammed items, she said.

Santa Claus will be visiting the mall daily, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

The mall will also be offering "Woodland Mall Train" rides for .50 and a gift-wrapping booth in the cafe court section, Peters said.

Peters said she is expecting a good holiday season for the mall.

"I expect we will double last year's traffic, just from the increase in traffic I've seen so far," she said. "Now that Hills is here, we have the ideal mix of stores in the mall; that was just the icing on the cake."

Woodland Mall is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. until Dec. 18., when hours vary until Christmas.

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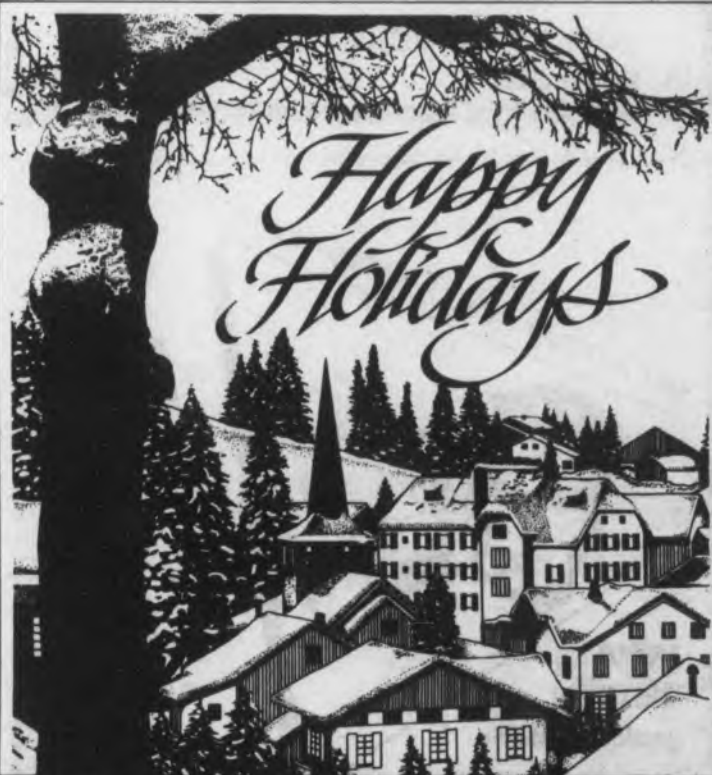
HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — A rotten holiday season awaits anyone who steals an evergreen tree planted at parks in Hutchinson.

Workers this week will begin spraying evergreens throughout the park system with a chemical retardant that puts off an odor similar to rotten eggs when exposed to temperatures above 50 degrees.

The non-toxic spray, primarily designed to ward off hungry rabbits and deer, has become an effective tool for the city in its battle to prevent evergreen tree thefts during the Christmas holiday, said city parks superintendent Tom Heintzman.

"If the tree happens to be cut down and taken into a home, at temperatures of 50 degrees it gives off a very noxious odor," Heintzman said.

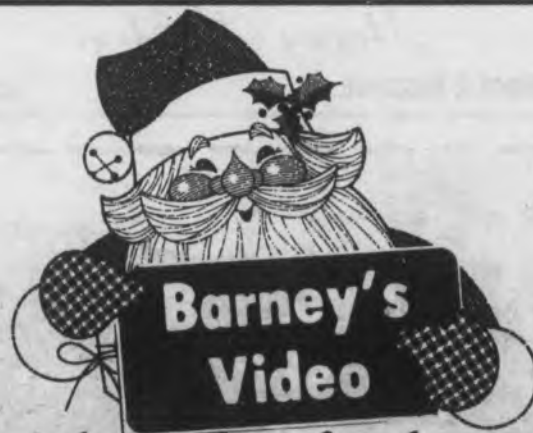
Hutchinson, a town of about 40,000 residents 50 miles northwest of Wichita, started the spraying program in 1986.



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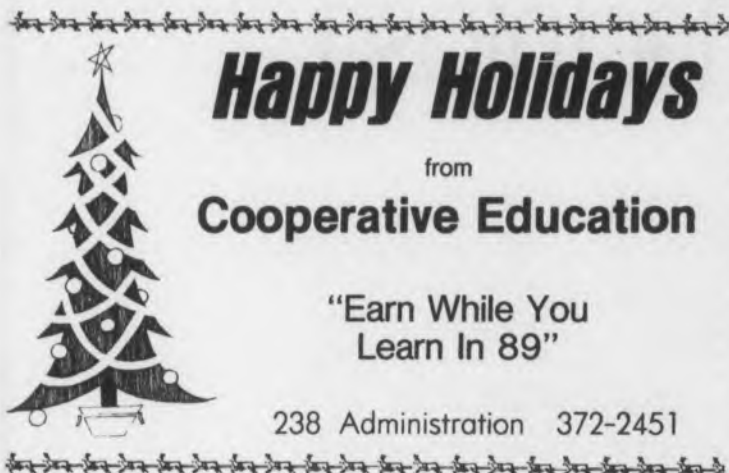
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## Christmas begins sooner in Austria

By Jennifer Willford

In Austria, as with many countries world round, the Christmas Season begins with the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath.

According to Elsa Gutmann, an English instructor at the University, four candles, adorn the wreath. The colors of the candles are purple, red, yellow and white in increasing lightness.

"The candles symbolize the waiting from darkness to light and the birth of Christ," Gutmann, also a 1983 immigrant from Austria.

Gutmann said the real Christmas excitement does not begin until the day before Christmas, however. On this day Christkind, similar to our Santa Claus, delivers presents underneath the Christmas tree.

The Christmas tree is set up by the mother while the father takes the children

out. Mother decorates the tree with an old German flair containing straw stars, red apples waxed with bacon, and red candles. While the children are out, Christkind mysteriously leaves the gifts "like an angel," she said.

There is also a traditional dinner on this day. Gutmann recalls that in the Eastern part of the country, consisting of the nine federal states, carp and potato salad is served; while on the Western part of the country, a mostly mountainous and farming region, beef and noodle soup with franks is served. On Christmas day a country wide meal of rich stuffed goose is preferred.

Approximately 85-90 percent of Austria is Catholic, Gutmann said.

"Attending the Catholic mass called Christmette at midnight on December 24 and remembering the true meaning of Christmas is very important in Austria."

She said Christmas is "a family affair, a time to relax, and a time when everyone has time for each other."

Adding to the atmosphere of Christmas is the temperature which ranges in the low to mid thirties. Also, says Gutmann, such traditions as cookies, especially Lebkuchen, and spiced wine, and Christmas caroling from the day after Christmas until the Day of the Wismen in January are special in Austria.

Gutmann remembers her favorite Christmas memories.

"When I was older, I liked to help prepare for Christmas, like wrapping the candles for the Christmas tree, and when I could afford to buy a small present for each of my parents."

### Jaycees

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Myers and Tansel both said the two organizations are considering combining operations this year to better serve the area's needy, however, no final agreements have been reached.

Myers said her organization would like to eventually increase the program to serve more people.

"We want to expand to 30, 40 or 50 families if possible," she said.

She said another Jaycees project is collecting coats and mittens to give to the Wood County Department of Human Services for distribution.



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# Spain observes noel customs

By Laura Spitzer

It's dusk and the family sits down for a huge celebration dinner. As they indulge in a feast, they look upon the customary nativity scene with joy. When the clock strikes midnight the family turns to each other and says "Feliz Navidad." It is Christmas in Spain.

The country of Spain observes this holiday in many different ways than

America but seems to be on a trend toward American customs.

Miguel Iglesias, instructor of Romance Languages and a native Spaniard, said one of the major differences between the two countries is the time when gifts are exchanged.

Spanish families express their time of giving on January 6, which marks the last of the 12 days of Christmas.

In addition to the date of reception, the traditions are also in contrast to those of

the U.S. Instead of waiting for a jolly old man in a red suit and white beard to slide down the chimney with a bag of gifts, the bearers of goodies are the Three Wise Men.

Shoes as well as stockings are put out on the windowsill to be filled with smaller items, while larger packages are left beside the elaborate nativity scene.

But the American custom of a Christmas tree is being introduced into the Spanish celebration. It is a new idea, said

Iglesias, but only a few families are currently partaking in it.

Another tradition, that of Santa Claus, is also filtering into the Spanish observation of the holiday. Although he is not taking over the myth of the Three Wise Men, Santa "is becoming more and more popular because of the influence of The States. It's becoming a world tradition," Iglesias said.

□ See Navidad, page 28.

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# Shoplifting surges during Christmas

By Christian Thompson

Shoplifting in area stores has become so frequent in-store Santa Clauses may soon say "Ho Ho hold it. Did you pay for that, sir?"

A survey of 47,000 stores, by Arthur Young & Co., showed that store thefts increased by 5 percent last year. According to area merchants, security will be increased during this year's holiday shopping season.

"Shoplifting is always a problem," said Floyd Craft, owner of Ben Franklin Variety Store, 154 S. Main St.

"Many shoplifters are younger kids that

steal trinkets and toys ... cosmetics are also frequently stolen," Craft said.

Trent Blackburn, assistant manager of K Mart, 1111 S. Main St., said small expensive items such as cordless telephones, electric heaters and jewelry are frequently stolen.

Blackburn said he believed that college students have a lot to do with the increase of shoplifting in the area.

"When students move away from home they don't have to answer to their parents... what do they have to lose if they get caught?"

Representatives from Uhlman's and Elder-Beerman said their stores prosecute shoplifters to the fullest extent of the law — no matter what the circumstances.

"We prosecute anyone who shoplifts no matter what age, race or gender," said Mary Beth Hamond, Uhlman's store manager. "We have added manpower and tightened security for upcoming holiday shopping...employees are trained to deal with shoplifters."

□ See Shoplift, page 31.

## Navidad

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But all in all, Spanish customs still prevail. Each and every home displays a nativity scene, the family eats an enormous meal on "Noche Buena," or "Good Night," which falls on the evening of Dec. 24.

It is common to eat turkey and, Iglesias said, his favorite, Turrón - a very Spanish desert made of honey, sugar, and nuts.

University student Carmen Magadan, senior biology major and 9-year resident of Spain, said the Christmas breakfast is also a tradition. The family digs into a danish-like pastry to find the presents hidden inside.

Between indulging in these two meals, the family may attend a Midnight Mass, a ritual common to Americans as well. But, most families either watch it on television or do not acknowledge it at all because "although Spain is traditionally a Catholic country, the religion is not observed. Christmas is more of a fun thing," Iglesias said.

All 12 days of Christmas are recognized with decorations and lights throughout the town much like it is here in the U.S.

Having experienced Christmas in both countries, Iglesias said "It is not as commercialized in Spain as it is here."

But, he added, with the standards of living rising higher every year in Spain the commercialized aspect of the holiday is quickly catching up with the U.S.

If you were to go to Spain during Christmas you would still find carollers, vast amounts of food (especially sweets), and occasionally spot a Santa Claus or a Christmas tree much like you do in America. But, in addition to eating new foods and experiencing new customs as well, you might have to wait it out for the pre-

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# School provides hints for ho, ho ho-peful Santas

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Retirees, character actors and college students donned red velveteen suits and ersatz beards and learned the how-tos of ho-ho-ho-ing at a training class for Santas in a downtown department store Tuesday.

Height, weight and age are not important for would-be Clauses, said Dick Lewis, who ran the class given by Western Temporary Services at the John Wanamaker store. If they have a love for children, a twinkle in their eye and a desire to spread holiday cheer, Western can teach them the rest, he said.

"We want people with a sincere desire to make children happy at Christmas time," said Lewis, who played Santa before joining Western.

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—The best way to get a child on Santa's knee without breaking Santa's back: "Lower your leg, slide the child next to the leg and lift with the leg," Lewis said.

—How to laugh in a deep voice without scaring children: Try a low chortle from the stomach instead of loud ho-ho-ho's.

□ See School, page 31.

# Sale of war toys 'elicits violence'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A group protesting the sale of military toys for children picketed a toy store and passed out leaflets to Christmas shoppers during the weekend in an effort to dissuade them from buying the items.

About a dozen members of the Stop War Toys Campaign chanted peace slogans and waved signs outside a Toys R Us store in north Columbus Saturday.

"War toys promote violence, and they're telling children that war is okay and that it's okay to go out and kill your friends," said Diane Ramage, a member of the Ohio State University Students for Peace and Justice, which joined in the protest.

Similar demonstrations were held during the weekend in New York, Washington, D.C., Grand Haven, Mich., and Seattle, said Karen Nyer, an organizer of the Stop War Toys national campaign.

Targets of the group's protest this year include the popular child-size "Army Gear" made by Galoob Toys Inc. of San Francisco, and Playmate Toys Inc.'s "Teen-age Mutant Ninja Turtles," plastic replicas of turtles armed with Japanese warrior weapons, Ms. Nyer said.

These and similar toys are arriving on the 1988 Christmas market at an alarming rate, Ms. Nyer said Sunday in a telephone interview from Salem, Mass.

"It's disturbing. They're everywhere you look — guns, machetes, rifles, bombs, you name it," she said.

"We can't just let our children believe that the only way to resolve conflict is to nuke someone," she said.

Jim Conley, assistant director of the

□ See War Toys, page 31.

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Through Jan. 8, "Greek, Etruscan and Roman Statuettes," Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland

Through Dec. 4, Holiday Tree Festival, Quaker Square Hilton, Akron

Through Jan. 7, Holiday Lighting Program, Cleveland

Through Dec. 12, Christmas Tree Festival, Allen County Museum, Lima

Through Dec. 31 (closed Dec. 25), Children's Wonderland, Lucas County Recreation Center, Maumee

Through Dec. 31, Christmas at COSI and "Star of Bethlehem" Planetarium Show, COSI, Columbus

Through Dec. 31, Winter Festival, Sea World, Aurora

Through Dec. 31, Christmas on the River, Wolcott House Museum Complex, Maumee

☐ See List, page 33.

### War Toys

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Toys R Us store in north Columbus, said the group's weekend protest failed to disrupt the first rush of the holiday shopping season.

"Sales have been real good. We're getting a lot of traffic," he said.

He declined to comment on the store's stock of military toys. A woman who answered the telephone at the Toys R Us regional office in Fairfield also declined comment. Questions about the toys were referred to the office's general manager, who was not available for comment Sunday, she said.

Ms. Nyer said her group had gathered studies showing that children who play with toy weapons and military games are more likely to show aggressive behavior toward other children.

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### Shoplift

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A security guard for Elder-Beerman at Woodland Mall, said as a store becomes well-known in the area, incidents of shoplifting increase rapidly.

"Most shoplifters are repeat offenders called refunders. Refunders will pick up items from the store and present them to cashiers for a refund," she said. "We can only charge them if they are seen taking items from the floor."

She said the age range of shoplifters varies, saying they have caught 13 year olds and 60 year olds stealing from the store.

"If you don't get caught the first time, you eventually will," she said. "Shoplifting isn't worth it — you could lose your job and most importantly the respect of your community."

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# Today in history:

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In 1977, Egypt broke diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and South Yemen in the wake of criticism that followed President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.

Five years ago: More than a dozen peo-

ple were killed when a car bomb shattered a nine-story apartment building in Moslem west Beirut.

One year ago: FBI agents searched a federal prison where Cuban inmates had peacefully ended an 11-day hostage siege the day before. The agents reported finding bottle bombs and thousands of homemade machetes, but no booby-traps or bodies.

Today's birthdays: Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., is 86. Singer Little Richard is 56. Author Joan Didion is 54. Author Calvin Trillin is 53. Actress Morgan Brittany is 37.

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Through Jan. 1, Rudd's Christmas Farm, Blue Creek

Through Dec. 30 (closed Dec. 24-25 & Mondays, except Dec. 26), Christmas in the Western Reserve, Hale Farm and Village, Bath

Through Jan. 8, Festival of Lights, Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati

Through Dec. 24, Dayton Holiday Festival, Dayton

Through Jan. 2, Christmas at the Castle, Platt Castles, West Liberty

Through Jan. 3, Lawnfield Christmas, Lawnfield, historic home of President James A. Garfield, Mentor

Dec. 1-3, A Dickens Christmas, Holiday Inn, Westlake

Dec. 1-4, Winterfair, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus

Dec. 2-3, Christmas Past, Stan Hywet Hall, Akron

Dec. 2-4, Treasury of Trees, Developmental Center, Westlake

Dec. 2-4, Washington Court House Flea Market, Fayette County Fairgrounds, Washington C.H.

Dec. 2-18, (Friday & Sunday only), Christmas at Orange Johnson House, Worthington

Dec. 2-26, Santa's Christmas Fantasy, Bear Creek Resort Ranch, East Sparta

Dec. 3, Christmas Bazaar, Ontario H.S., Ontario

Dec. 3, Christmas Candelighting, Roscoe Village, Coshocton

Dec. 3, Country Christmas (Tour of Homes), Eaton

Dec. 3, Christmas Craft Bazaar, Stoutsville School, Stoutsville

Dec. 3-4, Casandra Ballet of Toledo "Holiday Gala," Lourdes College, Franciscan Life Center, Sylvania

Dec. 3-4, Christmas at the Gallery, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown

Dec. 3-4, Christmas Past, Greene County Museum, Xenia

Dec. 3-4, Christmas in Zoar, Zoar Village State Memorial, Zoar

Dec. 3-4, Country Hearth Christmas, Century Village & the Fire Hall, Burton

Dec. 3-4, Crafts Fair, Oxford College (College & High Sts.), Oxford

Dec. 3-4, Holiday Festival, Dalton

Dec. 3-4, Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard

Dec. 3-4, Kingwood Center Christmas Show, Kingwood Center, Mansfield

Dec. 3-4, Winter Arts & Crafts Show, Brukner Nature Center, Troy

Dec. 3-11, Reeves Christmas Open House, J.E. Reeves Home and Museum, Dover

Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, Santa Claus Trains, Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, Nelsonville

Dec. 4, Antique Wholesale Market, Fairgrounds, Medina

Dec. 4, Christmas of the Past, Preble County Historical Center, Eaton

Dec. 4, Country Christmas Gathering (Tour of Homes), Kenton

Dec. 4, Old-Fashioned Christmas, Wildwood Cultural Center, Mentor

Dec. 4-21 (Sunday & Wednesday only), Victorian Holiday Tour, Hower House, Akron

Dec. 6-11, Christmas at the Hollow, Quail Hollow State Park, Hartsville

Dec. 6-Jan. 3, Christmas at the Western Reserve Historical Society Museum, Cleveland

Dec. 9-10, Christmas Candelight Tour, Franklin Park Conservatory & Garden Center, Columbus

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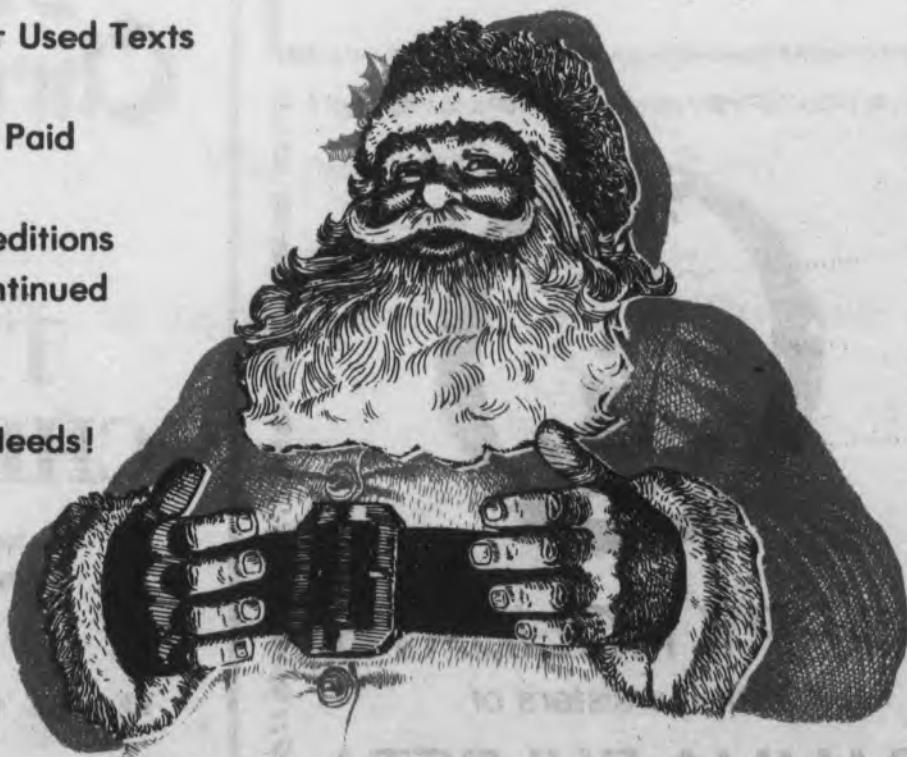
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